



**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NATUROPATHIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 28, 2004

LOCATION: Department of Health
310 Israel Road Southeast, Room 153
Tumwater, Washington 98501

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Rowse, N.D., Chair
Barbara Gross, N.D.
John Catanzaro, N.D.
Andrew Holguin, Public Member
Walter Clemons, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Holly Rawsley, Program Manager
Karen Maasjo, Secretary Senior
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director
Arlene Robertson, Program Manager
Ron Weaver, Assistant Secretary

AAG PRESENT:

Laura Williams, AAG Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roger Rowse, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The meeting agenda was approved as written. The August 13, 2003 meeting minutes were approved as written. Laura Williams was introduced as the new Assistant Attorney General advisor to the Naturopathic Advisory Committee.

2. LEGEND SUBSTANCES UPDATE

After an extensive review of the request to expand the Legend Substance List, Department of Health Secretary, Mary Selecky, determined that statutory changes would be required in order to expand the list. She agreed to update the current list to incorporate newer versions of substances currently on the list. The updated list was presented and now includes all antimicrobials, in non-injectable forms only.

John Catanzaro, ND, Committee member and Dan Labriola, from the Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians (WANP), explained the changes on the list. The Naturopathy Program will provide a copy of the list to all active credential holders.

Ron Weaver, Assistant Secretary, thanked the Committee and WANP for their work on the proposed lists. He also pointed out the importance of getting legislative clarification of the law. He suggested that setting a schedule to review the list would make the process easier for future assessments. Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director of the Naturopathy Program, thanked Don Williams from the Board of Pharmacy (BOP), for all his work on this project and said that the BOP will soon be contacting all pharmacies to inform them of the new list. The WANP also thanked the Committee and the Department for their work on the update.

3. PROGRAM REPORT

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager, reported an increase in licensees over last year. The current number is 645 which is an increase of almost 100 licensees. The reduction in fees, effective July 1, 2003, could be part of the reason for the increase. She also reported that the Naturopathy Program received 15 complaint reports in the last year. Ms. Rawnsley stated the various types of complaints received which included continuing education audit problems. She explained that the audit complaints stemmed from the Naturopathy Program not receiving the audit information from Naturopaths in a timely manner.

A brief overview of Substitute House Bill 1862 was discussed. The bill would expand the scope of practice for naturopaths in Washington State.

Ms. Rawnsley reported that Bastyr University and National College of Naturopathic Medicine are currently in review for re-approval status as approved Naturopathy schools.

Ms. Rawnsley also discussed a prior agenda item which was to explore the development of a newsletter by the Committee. She contacted other health professions in the department and found that many programs are moving away from letters and using their web pages. The Committee agreed to explore this option.

4. GOAL SETTING 2004

The Committee discussed setting goals for 2004. Communication and education were identified as the two main items the Committee would like to address this year. There was a

great deal of discussion regarding these issues and the need for clarification. Dr. Gross and Ms. Rawnsley will work together on a fact sheet or index to use as a reference for whom to contact for different information. This will be placed on the program WEB page. Dr. Catanzaro volunteered to work on an education article also to be published on the program WEB page. The Committee will discuss the progress of these items at the next scheduled meeting.

5. SETTING MEETING DATES 2004

May 12, August 4, and November 3 were confirmed as the meeting dates of the Naturopathic Advisory Committee for 2004.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Rowse was re-elected as Committee Chair. Dr. Catanzaro was re-elected as Vice-Chair.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Signature on file

Holly Rawnsley, Program Manager
Naturopathic Advisory Committee

Signature on file

Roger Rowse, Chair
Naturopathic Advisory Committee